

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2023-1004; Airspace Docket No. 23-ASO-18]

RIN 2120-AA66

Amendment of Class E Airspace; Greenville, NC

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action amends Class E surface airspace and Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface for the Greenville, NC area, as a new instrument approach procedure has been designed for ECU Health Medical Center Heliport. This action also makes an editorial change.

DATES: Effective 0901 UTC, October 5, 2023. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under 1 CFR part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order JO 7400.11 and publication of conforming amendments.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), all comments received, this final rule, and all background material may be viewed online at www.regulations.gov using the FAA Docket number. Electronic retrieval helps and guidelines are available on the website. It is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

FAA Order JO 7400.11G Airspace Designations and Reporting Points and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/.

You may also contact the Rules and Regulations Group, Office of Policy, Federal

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority for this Rulemaking

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code. Subtitle I, Section 106 describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency's authority. This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority, as it amends Class E airspace in Greenville, NC, to support IFR operations in the area.

History

The FAA published a notice of proposed rulemaking for Docket No. FAA 2023-1004 in the *Federal Register* (88 FR 29557; May 8, 2023), proposing to amend Class E airspace for Greenville, NC. Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments were received.

Incorporation by Reference

Class E airspace designations are published in paragraphs 6002 and 6005 of FAA Order JO 7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 annually. This document amends the current version of that order, FAA Order JO 7400.11G, dated August 19, 2022, and effective September 15, 2022. FAA Order JO 7400.11G is publicly available as listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document. These amendments will be published in the next FAA Order JO 7400.11 update.

FAA Order JO 7400.11G lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

The Rule

This action amends 14 CFR part 71 by:

We are amending the Class E surface airspace for Pitt-Greenville Airport, Greenville, NC, by increasing the radius to 4.6 miles (previously 4.4 miles) and replacing the outdated term Notice to Airmen with the term Notice to Air Missions.

Amending the Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface by increasing the radius of the Pitt-Greenville Airport to 7.1 miles (previously 6.4 miles) and establishing an extension of 1.1 miles on each side of the Pitt-Greenville Airport's 008° bearing extending from the airport's 7.1-mile radius to 13.4 miles northeast of the airport. In addition, this action establishes Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.2-mile radius of ECU Health Medical Center.

Controlled airspace is necessary for the area's safety and management of instrument flight rules (IFR) operations.

Regulatory Notices and Analyses

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. It, therefore: (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is minimal. Since this is a routine matter that only affects air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, does not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Environmental Review

The FAA has determined that this action qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, "Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures," paragraph 5-6.5a.

This airspace action is not expected to cause any potentially significant environmental impacts, and no extraordinary circumstances warrant the preparation of an environmental assessment.

Lists of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

The Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends
14 CFR part 71 as follows:

PART 71 -DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, B, C, D, AND E AIRSPACE AREAS;
AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS

§ 71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of FAA Order JO 7400.11G,

Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 19, 2022, and effective

September 15, 2022, is amended as Paragraph 6002. Class E Surface Airspace.

Paragraph 6002. Class E Surface Airspace.

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ASO NC E2 Greenville, NC [Amended]

Pitt-Greenville Airport, NC (Lat 35°38'09"N, long 77°23'03"W)

That airspace extending upward from the surface within a 4.6-mile radius of Pitt-Greenville Airport. This Class E airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Air Missions. The effective date and time will be continuously published in the Chart Supplement.

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Paragraph 6005. Class E Airspace Areas Extending Upward from 700 feet or More

Above the Surface of the Earth.

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ASO NC E5 Greenville, NC [Amended]

Pitt-Greenville Airport, NC (Lat 35°38'09" N, long 77°23'03" W) ECU Health Medical Center Heliport (Lat 35°36'32" N, long 77°24'19" W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 7.1-mile radius of Pitt-Greenville Airport and 1.1 miles on each side of the Pitt-Greenville Airport's 008° bearing extending from the airport's 7.1-mile radius to 13.4 miles northeast of the airport, and that airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.2-mile radius of ECU Health Medical Center Heliport.

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